



Environmental Protection Agency

[FRL-9954-55-Region 3]

Notice of Tentative Approval and Opportunity for Public Comment and Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for Maryland

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Approval and Solicitation of Requests for Public Hearing

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of Maryland is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. Maryland has adopted drinking water regulations for the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products Rule (Stage2). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that Maryland's Stage 2 Rule meets all minimum federal requirements, and that it is no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulation. Therefore, EPA has tentatively decided to approve the State program revisions.

DATES: Comments or a public hearing must be submitted by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. This determination shall become final and effective on **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** if no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received, and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval.

ADDRESSES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-

2029. All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.
- Water Management Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Meadows, Drinking Water Branch (3WP21) at the Philadelphia address given above, or telephone (215) 814-5442 or fax (215) 814-2318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a hearing. All comments will be considered, and if necessary EPA will issue a response. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing will be denied by the Regional Administrator. If a substantial request for a public hearing is made by [insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register], a public hearing will be held. A request for public hearing shall include the following: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and (3) the signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

Dated: October 17, 2016.

Shawn M. Garvin,

Regional Administrator.

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